

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action dated June 1, 2004, and places all claims remaining in the case in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended by introducing the limitation of Claim 2, which has been indicated to be allowable, into Claim 1. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 5, 7 and 8 have been amended to remove their dependency on Claim 2 and now depend from amended Claim 1.

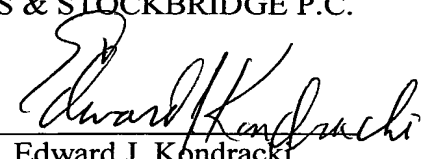
Claim 9 has been amended by introducing the limitation of Claim 10, which has been indicated to be allowable, into Claim 9. Claim 10 has been canceled. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from Claim 9.

In view of the foregoing, all claims as currently presented are believed to be in condition for allowance. Passage of the application to issue at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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